



Striving together for excellence

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### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

On Monday the Grade 6 girls and boys who were aspiring School Captains for 2017 made their speeches in front of the Primary school. All staff present were most impressed with the quality of the speeches and the confidence in which they were delivered. It was great to hear the Grade 6 students talking about personal qualities and school-wide values rather than promising to help fundraise for a swimming pool!! After the voting by Grades 3-6 and staff, the vote counting began and there were some close results. It was very heartening to hear from parents who had quizzed their children about the reasons behind their choices. "He helped me on the bus", or "She was a good mediator", or "He is always kind!" were the types of responses given. Well done to all the Grade 6 students who stepped up to have a go. Public speaking is one of the hardest things to do and you should all be very proud of yourselves!



Congratulations go to:  
**Mackenzie F and Jack B,**  
School Captains for 2017  
and **Rosie S and Jacob G,**  
School Vice-Captains.

The School Captains' first official task for the year was to host the Whole School Assembly on Wednesday afternoon. This was a special Assembly where students heard about the evacuation walk from the old Kingston School, which occurred during the '67 Bushfires and also watched a video of the re-enactment by present day students. I would like to thank Khen Meerding, Grandfather of students Mia and Isaac E, for being our special guest and describing so well what the day was like for a boy starting his first day of High School in the area. Congratulations Mackenzie, Jack, Rosie and Jacob, you did a wonderful job helping write the scripts for Assembly, confidently delivering them and keeping the Assembly running smoothly. You are already showing great leadership skills!

### KEY DATES FOR 2017

**Monday 27 February**

**Tuesday 28 February**  
**SCHOOL BANKING**  
Aquatic Carnival for  
Grades 5 and 6 only at  
Clarence YMCA Pool

**Wednesday 1 March**  
ECE School Assembly  
Organising Unit:  
Ms Millington's Grade 2  
Sharing Units:  
Mrs Lutjens' Prep and  
Miss Barker's/Mr Warman's  
Grade 1/2 - 2.00 pm in  
GP Room

**Thursday 2 March**

**Friday 3 March**

### TERM DATES FOR 2017

**TERM 1**  
Wednesday 8 February -  
Wednesday 12 April  
(Thursday 13 April  
is a Student Free Day)  
Easter Break:  
Friday 14 April - Tuesday 18 April

**TERM 2**  
Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July

**TERM 3**  
(Monday 24 July  
is a Student Free Day)  
Tuesday 25 July -  
Friday 29 September

**TERM 4**  
Monday 16 October -  
Thursday 21 December  
(Friday 27 October  
is a Student Free Day)

Finally if you are reading this and you have not planned to come to our **Welcome Back BBQ tonight from 5.00 pm till 7.00 pm**, it is definitely not too late. We have lots of sausages and veggie burgers in bread for a gold coin donation and while you are enjoying meeting and catching up with other families the children can be entertained by the Social Circus crew! A big thank you to the School Community Association for organising this and working so hard for the benefit of all the School Community. Included in this Newsletter is a Nomination Form for the upcoming AGM. The School Association is looking for three new parents to join and help bring new ideas and energy to the group. Please come and ask me or any Association member if you want any information about how the group is run. This Association makes a real difference to our school and your children. Please give some serious thought about taking a turn!

**Dorothy Raymond - Acting Principal**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

All classes have now attended a couple of specialist PE lessons. It is preferred that all students come prepared to Physical Education and sporting activities appropriately dressed to fully engage safely in all planned activities. When a student is representing the school in sporting teams or events, they are expected to wear school sports clothing.

- Light blue polo
- Navy blue track pants/shorts/skorts
- Windcheater or rugby top
- Sandshoes/ sneakers or runners (slip on shoes are not suitable)
- Spray jacket (logo only) – particularly when students are participating in school representative teams

The School-endorsed sport program shirts, for example, Tennis 'Hot Shot' shirts, are permitted on PE days only. Students will be supplied with School sport team shirts when representing the school in the range of out of school hours sports as well as the many sporting carnivals throughout the year.



**Out of School Hours Sport:** Futsal and Basketball information has been distributed to interested students. Next week Netball and Table Tennis meetings will be held. If your child is interested in playing any of these sports and has not received the appropriate information, please call in to the School Office. All school sport teams need to have parent/family members prepared to manage the teams each week of the rosters. In line with Department of Education Policy, all persons taking on this role need to register for the Working with Vulnerable People Card.

**Aquatic Carnivals:** a reminder to return all Aquatic Carnival Medical/Consent forms ready for the Grade 5/6 Carnival next Tuesday 28 February and the Grade 3/4 Carnival on Thursday 9 March. Parents and family members are most welcome to come along!

**Angela Kadziolka - HPE Specialist**



**KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**AGM and Meeting will be held on Monday 3 April at 6.30 pm in the School Library**

Kingston Primary School Community Association Meetings are open to all Parents and Carers within the School Community.

**Three (3) positions exist on the Committee for Parent members.**

If you would like to nominate for this position please fill in the Nomination Form below and return it to the School Office.

**Nominations will close on Friday 24 March.**

**KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

I.....nominate for the position of Parent Member on the Kingston Primary School Community Association.

Signed: .....

Seconded: ..... Signed: .....

## NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

<b>MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D</b>	The children have been very well organised and have enjoyed a range of activities based on the letter 's'. We are impressed with some of the skills and general knowledge they are already displaying. Next week we will work on the letter 'a'.
<b>MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S) KINDER UNIT C</b>	Despite being tired and the warm weather, the children have responded well to the routines of Kinder. They have been playing happily and working hard. We are looking for presentable, see through, airtight containers to store things like playdough. If you have any to donate please bring them into the classroom. Please check out our display, "Meet the Kinders - the first week" in the main corridor.
<b>MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB</b>	Each week in Kinder/Prep we have a letter focus. This week we had fun learning about the letter 'a' and apples and astronauts. Next week we will focus on the letter 't'. Please help your child to find their favourite teddy ready for lots of activities next Thursday.
<b>MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B</b>	The children have been working on their 'li, Tt' Jolly Phonics letters this week. Thank you to all parents who have joined in with their child's singing at home. Your child's Home Reader comes back to school on his/her sharing day each week and needs to be signed in the folder in the morning. Our focus letters for next week are 'Pp and Nn'. I am looking forward to meeting the parents of my lovely children at the Welcome Back BBQ.
<b>MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P</b>	Information went home today about the PIPS testing that will be happening next week. It will take two days to complete. A relief teacher will be on class for these two days but I will be in and out of the classroom collecting and returning children.
<b>MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O</b>	This week the children have been very busy with lots of activities. We have begun our Home Reader Program and we encourage all parents/carers to listen to your child read as often as possible. We also enjoyed a very moving 1967 Bushfire Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday. Today is the Welcome Back BBQ from 5.00 pm to 7.00pm and we look forward to meeting as many families as possible.
<b>MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N</b>	Our class is developing our reading skills through the skill of predicting 'what's coming next?' In Maths we are busy applying what we know about teen numbers and 2D shapes.
<b>MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A</b>	Today students have brought home logons for Dojo and Studyladder. Dojo will help keep you informed about what we are doing at school. Studyladder provides students with revision and skills practice of introduced concepts. This week we focussed on the Black Tuesday Anniversary. We used Creative Arts to express our thinking.
<b>MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA</b>	Another busy week has seen us learning all about shapes and their properties. Please challenge your child to search for shapes around the home and tell you about them. We have also 'met' our English pen-pals and written wonderful letters to introduce ourselves to them.

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

<b>MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F</b>	This week we started keeping our own Writer's Notebooks. We made a map of the things that are close to our hearts and brainstormed all the different types of texts that we can write. We have been very interested in the ladybirds on the wattle tree in the playground and have been keen to investigate them further. We can see all the stages of the ladybird life cycle on the tree right now!
<b>MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G</b>	We have made a busy start to the year! So many children have shown their keenness for the basic staples of Maths, Spelling and Reading and now we are launching into Writers' Notebook! We will keep you posted on all other kinds of fun learning soon!
<b>MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H</b>	In Maths we are learning about doubles, multiplication and the features of 3D shapes. We are also learning how to play some cool Maths card games! In English we are looking at writing to persuade our audience with a focus on proof reading and editing our work.
<b>MRS GRANEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I</b>	The children are really settling in to our classroom routine and becoming familiar with our morning expectations. I am impressed with so many children returning and changing their readers at least once a week. Thank you!
<b>MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S</b>	Great to see some parents and carers this week. It would be great to see some more families at the Welcome Back BBQ on tonight. The Aquatic Carnival is on for the Grade 5 students on Tuesday next week and I will be attending. I am really enjoying getting to know students in this awesome class.
<b>MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L</b>	In Science we have been studying deserts and how animals and plants adapt to the conditions. Do not forget next week on Tuesday is the Aquatic Carnival and Student Representative Council voting.
<b>MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M</b>	Congratulations to students who spoke at our special Assembly on Wednesday to remember the 1967 Bushfires. Their poetry was wonderful. We have been learning about two dimensional shapes and transformations in Mathematics and we have begun Current Affairs for the first time this year. I look forward to meeting parents at our Welcome Back BBQ on Friday from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Another busy week!
<b>MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R</b>	Our class has been busy consolidating our knowledge of time in Mathematics and suffixes, prefixes and tenses in English. Parents please remember that we have a great Aquatic Carnival planned for Tuesday next week. Please remember to hand in all forms and permission slips and ensure your child has their swimmers towel and a plastic bag.

**KINGBOROUGH TIGERS** - Girls Footy 'Come and Try AFL' sessions will be held at Kingston Beach Oval from 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm on Friday 24 February, Friday 3 March and Friday 10 March. More information contact Sally Donnelly on 0418 516 032.

**HUON VALLEY PCYC** - 'Kids Night Out' will be held on Friday 3 March from 6.00 - 9.00 pm for ages 5 - 11. Phone 6264 3100 for more information.

**KINGBOROUGH BICYCLE TREASURE HUNT** will be held on Sunday 5 March from 2.00 pm at the Peter Murrell Reserve (meet at Peter Murrell Reserve Car Park, Huntingfield Avenue near Vodaphone). This is a **FREE** community event.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



More information on community news items may be found on the Parent Noticeboard in the Foyer or on the Student Noticeboard in the corridor near Grade 3/4 Quad.



# STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



The children in Mrs Schreiber's Kinder A have already enjoyed many activities and they are making new friends.



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